

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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ARMS AND AMMUNITION WITH CUSTOMS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the current stock of arms and ammunitions in the Customs Shop;
- (b) the details regarding the persons entitled to purchase arms from the customs department;
- (c) the criteria laid down for pricing of arms; and
- (d) whether some concession is given to MPs and VIPs for purchase of weapons for self defence and pricing thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a) As per Annexure attached.
- (b) Only sitting Members of Parliament can purchase confiscated non-prohibited bore weapons from the Customs Department.
- (c) Pricing of arms and ammunitions is done on the basis of prevailing market price.
- (d) No price concession is given to MPs/VIPs for purchase of weapons for self defence.